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Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, August 16, 1879.

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(Incorporated 7th of 1848 March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION of 30TH APRIL, 1862.

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AGENCIES and BRANCHES at:
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The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

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Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3½ per Annum.
" 6 " 4½ " "
" 12 " 5½ " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT,
Acting Manager,
Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL,

CITY HALL.

HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY.

THIS EVENING,
JANUARY 29th, 1880.

OVERTURE... Le Magicien (Auber)...Orchestra.
To be followed by
ARTHUR SULLIVAN'S COMIC OPERA IN
2 ACTS, entitled

"THE SORCERER."

Dramatis Personae.

Sir Marmaduke Pointdextre (an elderly Baronet). Mr. AUSTIN.
Alexis (of the Grenadier Guards, his son)...Mr. RACKSTRAW.
Dr. Daly (Vicar of Plover-leigh)...Mr. ROWLEY.
Notary...Mr. ROWLANDS.
John Wellington Wells (of J. W. Wells & Co., Family Sorcerers)...Mr. E. EWING.
Lady Sangzoro (a lady of ancient lineage)...Mad. CHERVAL.
Alice (her daughter—engaged to Alexis)...Miss KEHR.
Mrs Partlet (a few operas)...Mrs. FRASER.
Constance (her daughter)...Miss ENSTON.

CHORUS OF VILLAGE MAIDS, BRIDES-MAIDS, PEASANTS, SERVANTS, POLIOZ-MEN, &c., by MEMBERS of the HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY.

ACT I.—GROUND OF SIR MARMADUKE'S MANSION.

Half-an-hour is supposed to elapse between Acts I. and II.

ACT II.—MARKET-PLACE OF PLOVERLEIGH.

CONDUCTOR... Mr. PANIZZA.

PIANO, HARMONIUM, VIOLIN 1st, VIOLIN 2nd, FLUTE, DRUMS.

Tickets, admission only, \$2.
Do., admittance and Box of Words (on entering Theatre) \$2.50.

BOOKS containing Words of the Songs and concerted Music may also be had from Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., on the day of the Performance, 29th Inst.—Price, 50 Cents each.

For the Committee, R. LYALL.

Hongkong, January 29, 1880. ja30

THEATRE ROYAL,

CITY HALL.

SATURDAY,

31st January, 1880.

FAREWELL BENEFIT

MISS EMILY BLAIN

AND NORVILLE.

By desire of numerous Patrons

"PINK DOMINOES"

will be again presented.

NOTICE.—The Company leave by S. S. Hector, on SUNDAY, 1st February.

Tickets at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH's, or at the HOTEL DE L'UNIVERS.

GEO. NORVILLE,

Business Manager.

Hongkong, January 28, 1880. ja31

NOTICE.

Re MARTIN LUTHER BEVIS, Deceased.

ALL Persons INDEBTED to the Estate

of the late MARTIN LUTHER BEVIS are hereby Requested to make immediate Payment to the Undersigned, and all Persons having CLAIMS against the said Estate to present the same on or before the 31st JANUARY, 1880.

JAMES SCOTT,

H. M. Acting Consul.

Klung-how, January 15, 1880. ja31

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. R. ROGERS has returned and is now ready to RECEIVE PATIENTS.—

No. 7, ABUTHNOT ROAD.

Hongkong, December 8, 1879.

NOTICE.

D. R. EASTLAKE has Returned from

MANILA, and will receive PATIENTS at his OFFICE, No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, January 1, 1880. fe2

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

M. R. F. KLAMPERMEYER has RE-

MOVED to his New PREMISES, No. 63, PRAYA CENTRAL, close to the Canton Wharf.

The Patronage of the Community is most respectfully solicited.

F. KLAMPERMEYER.

Hongkong, January 24, 1880.

NOW READY.

PRICE, \$1.50.

COMPARATIVE CHINESE FAMILY LAW,

By E. H. PARKER.

Can be obtained from KELLY & WALSH at Shanghai and Hongkong, at LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong, and at the China Mail Office.

MEYER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 21, 1879. 21fe80

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of

Mr. O. GRABE

in our Firm Ceased,

by Expiration of Contract, on the 31st of December, 1879.

Mr. O. GRABE

will Continue to Sign

our Firm until 31st May of 1880.

Mr. GUSTAV FISCHER

has been Admitted

a PARTNER in our Firm from this Date.

E. MEYER & Co.

Tientsin, 1st of January, 1880.

NOTICE.

THE BUSINESS CONDUCTED by me in

BOMBAY, both independently of, and

connection with, the Firms of Messrs. E. D. SASSOON & Co. of CHINA, will from this Date, be Carried on under the Style or Firm of E. D. SASSOON & Co.

E. D. SASSOON.

NOTICE.

WITH Reference to the above, We have

THIS DAY Admitted Mr. JACOB

ELIAS SASSOON and Mr. SASSOON

JACOB DAVID as PARTNERS in our Firms

in BOMBAY and CHINA.

E. D. SASSOON & Co.

Bombay, 1st January, 1880. fe28

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of

Mr. LEONARD STAEL

in our Firm Ceased on the 31st December last.

Mr. F. C. DITTMER

is authorized to

Sign our Firm for Procuration.

HESSE & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1880.

NOTICE.

RECORD of AMERICAN AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.

Agents,

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, Sept. 3, 1879. 28e80

Intimations.

ORIENTAL HOTEL.

TWO NEW BOWLING ALLEYS HAVE BEEN LAID.

ACCOMMODATION FOR BOARDERS AND FAMILIES.

WINES AND SPIRITS OF THE BEST QUALITY.

J. F. SHUSTER, Proprietor.

THE CHINA MAIL.

For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
HAVE JUST LANDED FROM
THE AMERICAN MAIL
THE following STORES, in
Excellent Condition:-
Fresh Roll BUTTER.
Finest Comb HONEY, in Frame.
Do. Do., in Bottles.
Fresh APPLES.
Dried Sliced Datto.
Boneless CODFISH.
Georgia Bank Do.
Finest Eastern Factory CREAM CHEESE.
Mild California Do.
Smoked SALMON.
Family Meas BEEF, in 25 lbs. kegs.
Oregon Pickled OX TONGUES, very fine.
Family PORK, in 25 lbs. kegs.
American HAMS.
Do. BACON.
CORNMEAL, HOMINY, CRACKED
WHEAT.
OATMEAL, RYE FLOUR, BUCK-
WHEAT FLOUR.
CORN BROOMS, CORN WISPS.
Table FRUITS, Barlet PEARS, APRIC-
OTS, PEACHES.
Stuffed PEPPERS, ASPARAGUS.
APPLE SAUCE, CRANBERRY SAUCE.
OYSTERS, LOBSTERS, SALMON,
CLAMS.
PEA NUTS, PECAN NUTS, BRAZIL
NUTS.
CREAM OF TARTAR, SALERATUS.
Morris' Eastern CIDÉR.
WINSLOW'S Celebrated GREEN CORN.
LIMA BEANS, SUCCATASH, SUGAR
PEAS.
CALIFORNIA CRACKER Co.'s GINGER
CAKES.
MILK BISCUITS.
ALPHABET BISCUITS.
OYSTER BISCUITS.
WAFER BISCUITS.
SODA BISCUITS.

Ex S.S. "GLENFINLAS," and Late
Arrivals.

SMYRNA FIGS.
Muscatel BLOOM RAISINS.
JORDAN ALMONDS.
Cooking and Table PRUNES.
Pudding RAISINS and CURRANTS.
Candied PEEL.
MINCEMEAT in 1-lb. tins.
VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.
CARAWAY SEEDS.
SCHWEITZER'S COCOATINA.
HAM TONGUE or CHICKEN SAUSAGE.
WESTPHALIAN, BOLOGNA, OXFORD, and
TRUFFLED SAUSAGES.
GAME PIE.
Potted MEATS.
Prime Yorkshire HAMS.
Prime Wiltshire BACON in Tins & Canvas.
OX-TONGUES in JELLY.
TRUFFLES.

Champagne, &c.

HEIDSIECK & Co.'s MONOPOLE, Pints
and Quarts.
ADELPHIE COLLIN'S BOUZY CABINET.
MUMM'S (JULES') CHAMPAGNE, Pints and
Quarts.
NEVEN'S (BODEN) BOUZY, Pts. and Qts.
CHARLES HEIDSIECK'S WHITE SEAL,
Pints and Quarts.
VEUVE CLICQUOT PONSARDIN, Pints
and Quarts.
THEOPHILE ROEDERER & Co.'s VERZENAY
MOUSSEUX, Pints and Quarts.
KRUG'S CHAMPAGNE, Pints and Quarts.
PERRIER JOUET in Quarts.

Claret.

THIBEAUF (CHATEAU), Pints and Quarts.
CHATEAU LAROSE (CUCIER & ADERS'),
Pints and Quarts.
CHATEAU LAFITE, Pints and Quarts.
IRES GRAVES, Pints and Quarts.
BREAKFAST CLARET, Pints & Quarts.
OLD INVALID CLARET.
ST. JULIEN, &c., &c.

Burgundy, Hock, Sherries, &c.

Chambertin, Chablis (white), Liebfraumilch,
Rockheimer, Niersteiner, Steinberger
Cabinet, Rudesheimer Berg, Konig-
liche Victoria Berg, Chateau
Yquem, Grand Vin, Haut
Sauterne, Marsala, Sac-
cone's Pale Dry White Seal
Sherry, Yellow Seal Amontillado
Sherry, Cutler Palmer and Company's
Sherry, Invalid Port (1848), Hunt's Port.

Brandy, Whisky, Liqueurs, &c.

1, 2 and 3-star Hennessy's Brandy, La
Grande Marque Brandy, Cutler Palmer
& Co.'s Brandy, Ronney Guillet &
Co.'s Brandy, 1 to 4 stars;
Finest Old Bourbon Whisky, highly recom-
mended, Kinahan's LI. Irish Whisky,
Jameson's Irish Whisky, Royal
Glendronach Whisky;
AVH Gin, Swaney Board & Co.'s Old Tom
Gin; La Grande Chartreuse, Green
and Yellow, Maraschino de Zara,
Ouracao, Pts. & Qts.; Ango-
stura, Boker's and Orange
Bitters, &c., &c., &c.

BASS' ALE, bottled by CAMERON & SAW-
DEES, Pints and Quarts.GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. & J.
BUKE, Pints and Quarts.

PILSENER BEER, in Quarts.

DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the
Gallon.

SHELTZ MILWAUKEE BEER.

BUDWEISER BEER.

BOGA BEER.

ALMOND ALE.

BLATZ MILWAUKEE BEER.

ALE and PORTER, in Bulk, (Hdhs. and
Kilderkins).

Ship's STORES of every description.

Hemp and Cotton CANVAS.

Russian, Manila, and Wire ROPE.

SAIL-MAKING and RIGGING, promptly
executed.

Specially Selected CIGARS.

Princess CHEROOTS.

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Princess CIGARS.

Cavite CIGARS.

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Vegueros CIGARS.

Choice No. 1 Fortin CIGARS in Boxes
of 100.

Choice No. 3 Melis CHEROOTS.

Choice No. 3 Fortin CIGARS.

NEW SEASON'S PRESENT TEA, in 5 and
10 Catty Boxes.

Hongkong, January 12, 1880.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR BOHLOW AND PAKHOL.

The Steamship

"HAIAN."

Capt. CONNER, shortly due,

will have immediate despatch

for the above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, January 29, 1880.

Cleared.

Claro Babuyan, for London.
Jeddah, for Swatow and Amoy.
Swatow, for Saigon.
Yellung, for Swatow.

ARRIVED.

Per Gleniffer, from Shanghai, Capt. Flall.

1 Japanese, 6 Chinese, and 3 Horses.

Per Charlton, from Saigon, 15 Chinese.

Per Kiungchow, from Holhow, 40 Chi-
nese.

DEPARTED.

Per Bokkara, for Sydney, Mr G. F.

Johnson from Shanghai.

Per Gordon Castle, for New York, Mr J.

B. Field.

TO DEPART.

Per Jeddah, for Swatow and Amoy, 200

Chinese.

Per Swatow, for Saigon, about 200 Chi-
nese.

Per Yellung, for Swatow, 60 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The German barque *Parnass* reports:

Having spoken German barque L.K.S.M.,

from Bangkok to Hongkong, 22 days out,

in lat. 11.51 S., long. 128.77 E.

The British steamer *Kiungchow* reports:

Fresh moonsoon and fine weather through-

out. In port: Chinese gunboat *An-kan*.

The British steamer *Gleniffer* reports:

Left Shanghai on Sunday at 10 a.m., had

fresh moonsoon and fine weather to Amoy,

arriving at 11 a.m. on the 27th, left again

at 1 p.m. on the 28th, experienced light

monsoon and cloudy weather from thence

to Hongkong.

CARGO.

Per S. S. *Menelaus*, Hongkong to Lon-
don, sailed 25th January - 97,663 lbs.

Congo, 64,370 lbs. Scented Caper, 9,702

lbs. Scented Pekoe, 720 lbs. Sorts

-total 142,435 lbs.; 54 bales Fujian, and

434 pkgs. Sundries.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:

For TOURON.

Per barque *Garibaldi*, at 1 p.m. To-

morrow, the 30th inst.

For AMOY, TAMSUI, and TAIWAN.

Per *Alloy*, at 5 p.m., on Friday, the

30th inst.

For BANGKOK.

Per *Rajaratnambar*, at 11.30 a.m., on

Saturday, the 31st inst., instead of

as previously notified.

For SWATOW, AMOY, & POOCHOW.

Per *Namoo*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the

31st inst.

For JAPAN via KOBE.

Per *Nagata-Maru*, at 5 p.m., on Friday,

the 6th February.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet *Irauaddy*

will be despatched on WEDNESDAY,

the 4th February, with Mails to and

through the United Kingdom and

Europe, via Naples; to Saigon, Straits

Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon,

the Australasian Colonies, Pondicherry,

Madras, Calcutta, Aden, Egypt, Malta

and Gibraltar.

The usual hours will be observed in closing

the Mails, &c.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet City of

Tokio, will be despatched on WED-
NESDAY, the 4th Feb., with Mails

for Japan, San Francisco, the United

States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c.

which will be closed as follows:-

0.15 P.M.—Registry ceases.

0.30 P.M.—Post Office closes, but Letters

(except for Non-Union Countries) may

be posted on board the Packet with

Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage

until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies

(except the Bahamas and Hayti),

Monte Video, Paraguay, and Uruguay

cannot be sent by this route.

Hongkong, January 29, 1880.

MAILED.

At Fast Point, this morning, Captain

ROBERT MORZ, aged 53 years.—Funeral

will leave the House at 3.30 p.m. to-mor-

row (Friday).

The publication of this issue commenced

at 7.40 p.m.

HOURS FOR CLOSING

THE ENGLISH MAIL

Day of Departure,—

5 P.M.—Money Order Office closes.

5.30 P.M.—Post Office closes till 8 P.M.

except the Night Box, which is

always open out of Office hours.

8 P.M.—Post Office opens.

9 P.M.—Registry of Letters ceases.

Posting of all printed matter

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Superintendent of Police has been authorised to give permission, under Ordinance 10 of 1872, for Crackers to be fired under the following restrictions:—In the Districts West of the Cross Roads and C. Shing-wong Street the firing of Crackers will be permitted from 4 p.m. on the 9th until 4 p.m. on the 11th February; In the Districts East of the Cross Roads and of Shing-wong Street, Crackers may be fired only between the hours of 4 p.m. of the 9th and 9 p.m. of the 10th February. The Police will have strict orders to summon or arrest persons firing Crackers in contravention of the foregoing restrictions. But whilst allowing thus the same liberty as heretofore, His Excellency the Governor desires the Chinese public to take special precautions on this occasion, as the unusual dryness of the weather increases the danger of a conflagration arising in case of careless handling of Crackers.

THE MASONIC BALL AT SHANGHAI. has also been a great success. It was held at the Masonic Hall, on the 24th inst. There were 73 ladies present and about 200 gentlemen. There were the splendid regalia of the English Grand Lodge: the Deputy Grand Master Mason was resplendent with gold lace and garter blue, as were his numerous officers. The scarlet of the English Deputy Grand Stewards and officers of the Scotch Lodge rendered them conspicuous objects. A fair sprinkling of Companions of the Royal Arch were there, and a Mark Master, 17 Knight Templars, a Knight of Malta; several Rosrucians; and Ancient Mariner, and a member of the 32nd degree. Some of the ideas were very pretty. For instance at the landings on the winding staircase, there were Lowises, and the daughters of Masons representing Truth and Innocence, and dressed like fairies to hand the programmes to the guests. Along the cornice were placed the mottoes "Brotherly Love," "Relief" and "Truth," and "Audi, vide, tace" in blue letters on white ground. In the East in the ball room, there was the All-seeing Eye painted at the top of the alcove, over the organ, surrounded by a garland, with the following motto on it, "Extensis palmitis rues urge ad mare." In the West over the door was a portrait of that bright mason, R. W. Bro. Henry Murray, Past District Grand Master Mason of China.

To dog fanciers and sportmen in general the following paragraph from a Shanghai paper will doubtless be of interest:—

A pointer dog bred in Japan of a French breed, under treatment by Mr H. E. Hall, Veterinarian, for chronic hepatitis, that was apparently recovering very fast, and looked well on Saturday night, was found dead on Sunday morning from suffocation. On a post mortem examination being made by Mr Hall, the breast and left lung were found full of worms, similar to what have been found in dogs in Shanghai before. But on examining the kidneys he found a large worm of blood red colour measuring 1½ inches in length and 7/16ths of an inch in diameter, the eyes, mouth, and nostrils of which were quite visible to the naked eye. The whole have been preserved in separate bottles, and are now at the Shanghai Dispensary, Canton Road, where they can be seen by those interested in dogs and their diseases.

In response to an address of welcome from the President of the Commercial Exchange at Philadelphia on the Dec. 19th, General Grant delivered a brief address, in which he said:—

My recent visits abroad have enabled me to see how greatly our foreign trade can be increased. In Europe it is already well taken care of, but in the East America is only beginning to be appreciated. We are now badly represented there, and will be until our policy shall be so changed as to allow our Representatives to increase their compensation by acting as business agents of American manufacturers and business houses, thus making it to their interest to increase and develop our trade rather than to repress it, as is at present the case."

THE WASHINGTON POST of December 12, from whose columns we give an extract elsewhere, has the following two paras:—

It would be an unhappy episode in the official career of Mr Evarts if, after having pulled a brace of criminals out of a trap, he should find himself in the peril from which he had delivered them.

It will be proper for Congress to inquire how far Mr Hayes is responsible for the disgrace brought on the country by Mr Evarts' protection of criminals, and whether the de facto President should be made co-respondent with Mr Evarts in any proceedings that may be had in the premises.

The House Committee on Foreign Affairs having agreed "that there is urgent need for legislation for the protection of immigrants arriving at the port of New York," and having instructed Sunset Cox to report favorably on a bill on that subject, Congressman Page proposes to use that as a kite to fasten an anti-Chinese tail to when it comes up. He has prepared a bill, to which he thinks no valid objection can be urged by the treaty sticklers. It makes no mention whatever of the Chinese, but will apply equally to all nations. He takes the simple ground that "non-voting adult population is always a disturbing element in any country, and especially so in a free republic," and with this axiom in his mind, his bill—which will be offered as a separate measure, and also as an amendment to the Cox bill—provides that it shall be unlawful for the master, owner or consignee of any description of vessel carrying passengers from any foreign land to any port within the United States, to land or allow to be landed there, during any one voyage more than fifteen persons who are ineligible to citizenship. The master of such vessel upon arrival must notify the Collector of the Port how many of these ineligibles are on board; the Collector must send a deputy on board to see that the law is not infraction; and the balance of the bill prescribes heavy penalties and the methods of procedure to carry them into effect.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY LIMITED.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS

The Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Hongkong Hotel Company was held in the parlour of the Hotel this afternoon at 4 o'clock, when there were present: Messrs. E. R. Bellotius, Esq., (Chairman) W. Reiners, W. R. Landstein, F. Grobien, R. Deacon, A. E. Cope, J. H. Cox, M. I. Maclehouse, G. Raynal and L. Hauchard.

The accounts and report having been in the hands of the shareholders for some days, were taken as read; the latter we have published.

The Chairman said that the affairs of the Company were being conducted very smoothly. Presuming that there were no questions to be asked, he proposed that the report be adopted and the accounts passed.

Mr Deacon seconded this motion, which was passed.

Mr Landstein proposed and Mr Jorye seconded the re-election of the two retiring directors, Messrs. Hoppius and F. Grobien, which was carried; and Messrs. Chas. Cohen and A. E. Vaucher, were also re-elected auditors unanimously.

There was no other business.

THE HONGKONG & MACAO STEAM-BOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the Report of the Board of Directors to the Ordinary half-yearly meeting of Shareholders, to be held at the Office of the Company, to-morrow (Friday), afternoon:—

The Directors beg to submit to the Shareholders the usual Statement of Accounts for the half-year ending 31st December last.

After paying running expenses, salaries of premises of insurance, and extraordinary repairs on Steamers, the latter amounting to \$68,659.58, there remains, including \$25,726.93 brought forward from last account and \$5,337.50 (half the amount of fines imposed on the *Powam* and *Kinsan* remitted), the sum of \$28,903.14 at credit of Profit and Loss Account. From this the Directors recommend the distribution of a dividend at the rate of 4 per cent. for the half-year, which will absorb \$24,000, and the appropriation of \$2,750 as Directors' and Auditors' fees, leaving a balance of \$2,153.14 to be carried forward to new account.

Considering that the cost of rebuilding the *Kwaihung* has been fully met without trenching upon the Depreciation Fund, and that the Company was still contending with opposition during July and August, the result of the half-year's working will no doubt be found satisfactory.

In accordance with the resolution passed at the private Meeting of Shareholders held on 30th July last, the Directors made an arrangement with the China Navigation Company for the joint working of the Hongkong-Canton line from the 1st September to the end of the year. The arrangement, having worked satisfactorily, has been renewed for a period of five years. Particulars of the terms of agreement can be obtained by Shareholders on applying to the Secretary.

Opposition on the principal line of the Company's traffic having been brought to an end as mentioned above, the Directors deemed the Company's fleet sufficiently well adapted and large enough for present requirements. The *Powam* has proved a most efficient and economical boat for the Night service in which she is now employed. The Directors have, therefore, cancelled the contracts for a new Steamer made with Messrs. Wm. Denny and Brothers, from whom the Company met with the greatest consideration in withdrawing their order.

The cost of repairs to the *Sark* and of an overhaul to the boilers of the *Kinsan* now taking place will amount to about \$8,000. The Directors anticipate no other outlay for extraordinary repairs during the current half-year.

In consequence of Mr H. Smith's indisposition, the Directors appointed Mr E. Cope in his stead to audit the Accounts. Messrs. H. Smith and L. Hauchard, the retiring Auditors, offer themselves for re-election.

Police Intelligence.

(Before C. V. Creagh, Esq.)

Thursday, Jan. 29.

THEFT BY SOLDIERS.

The case in which three men of the 27th Regiment, Privates W. Donnelly, J. Dougherty and C. Donnelly, are charged with robbing an officer's servant, a Chinaman, of a \$10 note, was again called to-day.

The complainant Mr Amun, on being recalled, said he was quite sure the men to whom he gave the liquor in the canteen were dressed in red coats, as was also the first defendant, while he was taking off his shoe.

Color Sergeant Degnan, who pays the men of H. Company to which the prisoners belong, proved the several amounts he had issued to the three defendants and which were all in small sums.

Private J. B. Baxter, the waiter employed in the Sergeant's Mess, stated that he sleeps in the Mess, and early on the morning of the 16th, the day after the alleged robbery, he was awoken by the first and second defendants, who wanted change of a \$10 note. He refused to give them change and shut the door and again went to bed. A few minutes afterwards he was again disturbed by the same men who now wanted drink, and to get rid of their annoyance he served them with a pint of ale each, for which second defendant paid in small coin.

The defendants having been duly cautioned, reserved their defence, and were committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions of the Supreme Court.

(Before Hon. C. B. Plunkett)

DRUNK AND DISORDERLY.

William Kelly, a private in the 27th Regiment, appeared charged with, (1) being drunk and committing an assault, (2) with damaging household property of the value of \$5.

These two charges arose out of a drunken brawl which took place in a prostitute's house near Jardine's Bazaar.

Defendant was fined \$1 for being drunk, and was ordered to pay 50 cents compensation for the damaged property.

DRUNK AND REFUSING TO PAY CHAIR HIRE. Joseph Milne, third engineer on board the S. S. *Jedah*, was charged with being drunk and refusing to pay chair hire on the evening of the 23rd instant.

Defendant admitted the charge, and was

fined in the sum of \$1, and ordered to pay sixty cents chair hire.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MR. HENNESSY'S CERTIFICATES OF CHARACTER.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

January 29th.

Sir.—I think a fictitious importance has been attached to the visit of Lau Kwan-yih to Hongkong. It is in no sense whatever an act of the Chinese Government or of a Chinese official. It was a private visit from a gentleman who held the position of Vice-roy of the Two Kwangs but did not hold it when he came here, and who is to hold the office of the Two Kwangs but did not hold it when he came here. He was careful to explain this, and emphatic to bluntness in explaining that had he been in any office he could have paid no visit to this Colony or the Governor thereof, without referring to Peking for permission. Again, the visit was a return visit to one paid by Mr Hennessy (not J. Pope Hennessy as Governor) to Lau Kwan-yih. This visit is the first of its kind; and the fact has been repeated so often that folks may come to think there is really something in it. This is what underlies it. Mr Hennessy has got this kind of visit of which he is so proud—that kind of visit—no previous Governor ever got—purely and simply because he did what no previous Governor ever did with a view to securing it. He, departing from all official propriety and practice, paid an unofficial visit last year to the Vicerey at Canton, and to the simple mind of Lau Kwan-yih proved that in his non-official capacity he could lay on the butter thickly. It was but natural that the flattered Chinaman should "claw" him; but it is offensive to people's sense of official decency that there should be an official report drawn up of the scraps of small talk that ensued and of the foolish and fulsome eulogy of his host in which Lau Kwan-yih indulged. But this official report, having first gone through the forms of appearing in the *Daily Press*, is to be found to-day in the *Government Gazette*. This action, and the report itself, are beneath criticism; they are simply contemptible. While we know all this, the people at home do not know it; it goes down there as a fair and impartial report of the event, one attaching something like that amount of importance to it which it actually deserves; and Mr Hennessy's self-glorifying desire are gratified. The lustre of the fulsome compliments Mr Kwan-yih paid him are considerably dimmed by the fact that certificates of character equally good were granted on the same day by the unofficial visit of the ex-Viceroy of the Two Kwangs to the Governor of Macao, a gentleman who has been in the country only a few days. Apart from these questions however, I could point out that to gain flattery from the ex-Viceroy of an alien nation, to be lauded by a Japanese minister whose knowledge of finance exceeds (Mr Hennessy told us) that of Gladstone, is not a very high compliment to any Colonial Governor. 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Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

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RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 18, 1880. fe4

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THE S. S. NIIGATA MARU, Captain Walker, due here on or about the 2nd February, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 7th Feb., at Daylight.

Cargo received on board and Parcels at the Office up to 6 p.m. of 6th February. No Bill of Lading signed under \$2 Freight.

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Hongkong, January 24, 1880. fe7

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Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 24th February. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PASSENGER TICKETS.

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G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, January 17, 1880. fe25

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PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.
STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, NAPLES, AND MARSEILLES;
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ON WEDNESDAY, the 4th February, 1880, at Noon, the Company's S. S. IRADOUADLY, Commandant GAUVAIN, with MAILED PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 3rd February, 1880. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, agent.

Hongkong, January 22, 1880. fe4

Intimations.

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

Shanghai, January 3, 1880.

AN ELEVENTH RETURN OF CAPITAL AT the Rate of TWO TABLES per SHARE, will be made to Shareholders of Record on 12th January, Payable at the Office of the Liquidator, on MONDAY, 19th January.

Warrants will then be delivered by the Undersigned to Shareholders, or their lawful representatives, on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 19th January, inclusive.

By Order,
RUSSELL & Co., Liquidators.

COSMOPOLITAN DOCKS.

W. SPRATT & Co. have lately added an extensive MACHINE SHOP and other APPLIANCES to the former Advantages of these Docks.

The DIMENSIONS of the DOCK are:—460 Feet, on the Blocks; 92 Feet Wide; Ordinary Tides, 21 Ft.; Spring Tides, 24½ Ft.

Office, 20, PRAYA CENTRAL, HONGKONG. Hongkong, October 4, 1879. fe80

SAILORS' HOME.

ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, Books, or PAPER will be kindly received at the Sailor's Home, West Point.

Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

INSURANCES.

SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

FIRE AND LIFE.

INSURANCES against FIRE granted at Current Rates. Considerable Reduction in Premium for LIFE Insurance in China.

MEYER & Co., Agents. Hongkong, June 2, 1879. 2½a80

SWISS LLOYD TRANSPORT INSURANCE COMPANY OF WINTERTHUR.

INSURANCES granted on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World.

MEYER & Co., Agents. Hongkong, June 3, 1879. 3½a80

YANGTSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....Tls. 420,000 PERMANENT RESERVE.....Tls. 230,000 SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....Tls. 206,370

TOTAL CAPITAL and ACUMULATION, 25th April, 1879.....Tls. 856,370

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POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the World.

Subject to a charge of 12% for Interest on Shareholders' Capital, all the Profits of the UNDERWRITING BUSINESS will be annually distributed among all Contributors of Business in proportion to the Premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents. Hongkong, October 1, 1879. 10a80

Insurances.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profit, are distributed annually to Contributors whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEE SMITH,

Secretary.

Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant POLICIES against FIRE to the extent of \$45,000 on BUILDINGS, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL,—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant POLICIES against the Risk of FIRE on BUILDINGS or on Goods stored therein, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1871.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER of His Majesty King George The First, A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

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Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling of which is paid up £100,000 " Reserve Fund upwards of £120,000 " Annual Income £250,000 "

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai, and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, October 15, 1868.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co.,

Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,